

# ROADWAY TEAM

## MINUTES for Meeting of December 8, 2005

AGC Office, Tacoma

### Attending:

X	Frank Scarsella	X	Bill Grady		Scott Droppelman
	Scott Stephens		Bob Glenn	X	Dan Glover
	Chris Deane		David Jones		
X	Jim Spaid		Al Dyer		Mike Morishige
X	Gil McNabb		Ken Stone	X	Bob Romine
X	Larry Eik		Jay Drye		Casey Liles
	Troy Cowan	X	James Prouty		

### Minutes of October 20, 2005 Meeting

Distributed and reviewed copies, no comments or revisions were made.

### Old Business

## Minutes of Other Team Meetings -

Minutes of the November 18, 2005 Administration Team were handed out for review. It was noted that they are currently working on several new issues that may be of interest;

Fuel Cost Adjustment – This item is being looked at as a method for addressing the rising fuel costs. The department has developed a trial specification for use on a project that is currently being advertised in the Northwest Region.

There was a general comment made that industry feels this effort is too late as damage has already been done and fuel prices look to be declining.

There was also a comment made that we should consider making this item optional with the bids not mandatory.

A question was asked if the department is looking at cost adjustments for steel, concrete, or paving asphalt.

Lump Sum for Landscape – They are looking to roll the individual landscape items into one lump sum item. The thought was this would be easier for administration of the contract. It will be looked at on a case by case basis at this time.

Partnering – Formal partnering sessions used to be fairly common but they have not been utilized much in recent years. They are being looked at again due to the significant number of new personnel with both the department and industry.

Minutes of the October 7, 2005 Structures Team were also handed out for review.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

**Annual Meeting** – Jim Spaid reminded folks of the Annual AGC/WSDOT Meeting scheduled for January 5, 2006 at the Fircrest Country Club. Everyone was encouraged to attend as there are many interesting topics on the agenda this year.

**Section 2-09** – Jim re-distributed copies of the standard specifications for section 2-09 that deal with structure excavation. At the last meeting he had asked folks to review this section and provide feedback on any problem areas.

Jim went on to discuss areas in the specifications that may not fit with our current construction practices. Some areas of concern include the measurement of structure excavation for large vaults, and lateral support requirements for luminaires and signal bases. He also mentioned that the department is looking possibly using pre-cast bases due to problems encountered with small night pours.

There was a general discuss on the entire specification with comments made on several specific areas;

- 2-09.3(1)D – Why won't the agency pay for handling at the disposal site?
- 2-09.3(3)B – How can water be drained from a pit without stirring or softening the bottom and why does it matter? Also discussed minor wordsmithing, and revisions to the to the order of the section.
- 2-09.3(3)C – Loose and soft material needs to be removed prior to setting forms and steel.
- 2-09.3(3)D – What does near mean?
- 2-09.4 – Need to re-visit the horizontal and vertical limits and how these apply to shoring boxes.

There was also a discussion on the definition of haul and how it applies to the different bid items. A comment was made that when haul is included it tells the contractor that the material needs to be hauled off the project; if it is not included it stays on site.

Jim will make revisions as discussed and distributed at the next meeting for comment.

### **New Business**

**Section 8-01** – There was a general discussion on the removal of BMP's when they are no longer needed. Information on this item will be sent out statewide for comments.

**Section 5-04.3(12)** – Jim distributed a draft supplemental joint specification and standard plan for transverse joints on bridges with HMA. He asked for folks to review these and provide comments back him.

#### **Other Items –**

Discussion Topics;

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.  
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?  
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, January 19th, 2006 and February 16th, 2006** at the Tacoma AGC office. **Note that the start time has been revised to 8:30am.**

Tentative date for future the March meeting is **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**